

# All-Parish Community Engagement Meeting

May 5, 2019



Community  
Engagement

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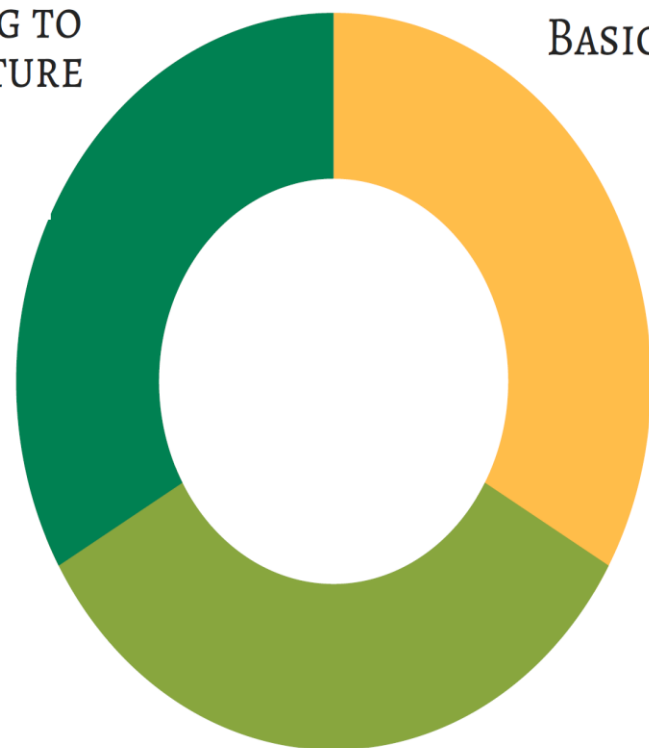
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BASIC NEEDS

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Basic Needs

*Jan.-Apr.*

- Bethesda Cares
- Bethesda Help
- Loaves & Fishes
- Samaritan Ministry

Human Rights,  
Dignity, & Safety

*May-Aug.*

- Interfaith Works Women's Center
- Interfaith activities
- Gun control
- Cornerstone Montgomery

Looking to our  
Future

*Sept.-Dec.*

- Bishop Walker School for Boys
- Episcopal Center for Children
- Episcopal Relief & Development
- Possible environmental project



# 2019 Interfaith Works Women's Shelter Meal Week

**DATES:** Sunday, May 26 - Saturday, June 1

- Location - 2 Taft Court, Ste. 100, Rockville, MD
  - Provide/serve dinner to 35 women on-site
  - You can also prepare bag lunches, or donate cash
- Excellent opportunity for inter-generational service; SSL hours available
- Please sign up!
- *Co-Chairs: Andi Pringle & Michelle Bales*





# Basic Needs Cluster (Jan.-April)



This Cluster supports organizations and activities that address the basic needs of people living in our community - helping them to find jobs, shelter, sustenance and dignity.

In particular we support organizations that help those with the greatest needs in our community to help themselves, by working with these individuals to take next steps to improve their lives, by implementing homelessness prevention measures, by supporting “Housing First” initiatives, and by providing emergency food, rental assistance payments, vouchers for transportation, and payments for prescription medicines and doctor visits.

We seek to engage with the client groups in many ways, including in-person volunteer efforts, donations of food and clothing, monetary contributions and providing gifts and talent for family holiday parties.

# Bethesda Cares

- Mission: To prevent, ease, and end homelessness in our community.
- Executive Director John Mendez preached at both services and spoke to parishioners on Jan. 21.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Clothing Drive results:

22 winter coats	18 sweatshirts
32 beanies & hats	11 pairs of gloves
27 scarves	28 pairs of pants/shirts
46 hand/toe warmers	5 bags of toiletries
20 pairs of socks	\$1,320 in cash donations!





# Bethesda Cares Winter Street Outreach

*Local clergy  
(including Jessica!)  
accompany  
Bethesda Cares  
staff to check on  
the local homeless  
population on a  
sub-freezing night  
during the January  
polar vortex.*





# Winter Blessing Bags for Guests of Loaves & Fishes Program

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- On Feb. 10 we made more than 110 winter Blessing Bags for guests of the Loaves & Fishes Program.
- Since 1982, St. Luke's has served at Loaves & Fishes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.
- The Blessing Bags were delivered the following week and were much appreciated by all!





# Bethesda Help

- Provides emergency assistance to those in need in southern Montgomery County, including food, limited financial assistance (for rent, utility, prescriptions), and referrals to shelters or an appropriate professional agency.
- St. Luke's youth make snack bags for Bethesda Help once a month.
- Our March food drive results:
  - 28 bags of food weighing 261 lbs;
  - \$400 worth of Giant gift cards;
  - \$679 in monetary donations!

*We also donated 8 large cartons of food to Sonika, a Walter Johnson High School student doing her Girl Scout Gold Award Project focused on hunger in our community - in collaboration with the Interfaith Works Women's Center.*





# Layette Collection for Interfaith Works

- Interfaith Works (1972) is a nonprofit coalition of more than 165 congregations of diverse faiths, working together to meet the needs of the poor in Montgomery County.
- During April, St. Luke's held a collection for their baby clothing closet, resulting in...
  - 1,040 diapers
  - 210 boxes of wipes
  - 102 onesies
  - 54 wash cloths & towels
  - Bottles, pacifiers, crib sheets, receiving blankets, and books....
  - 15 sweaters (many hand-knit)...and much, much more!

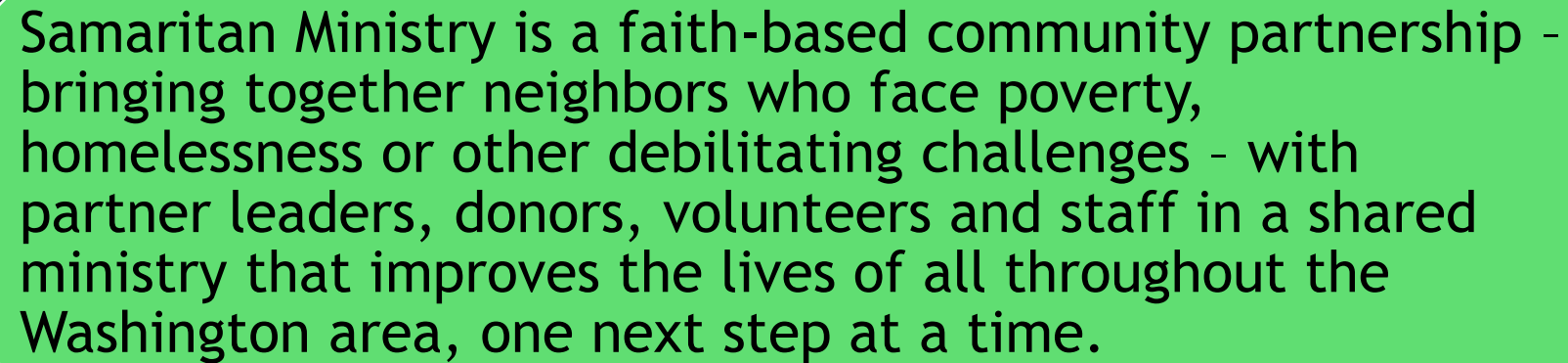




# Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

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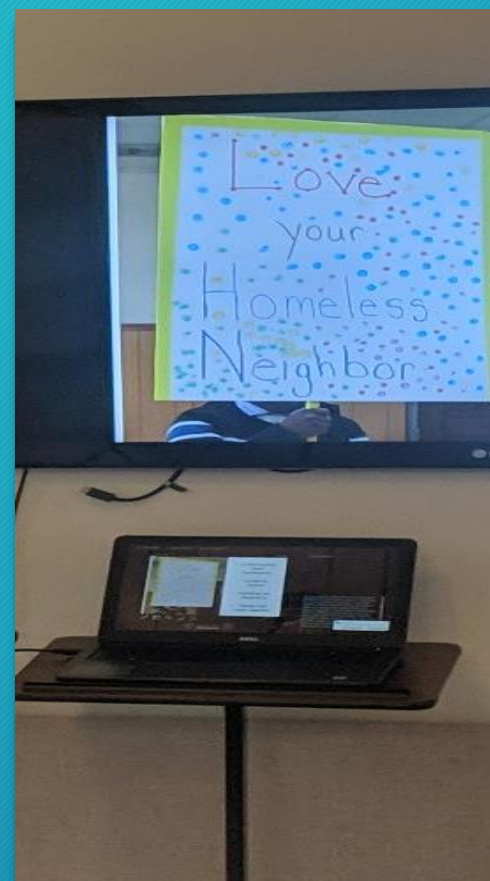
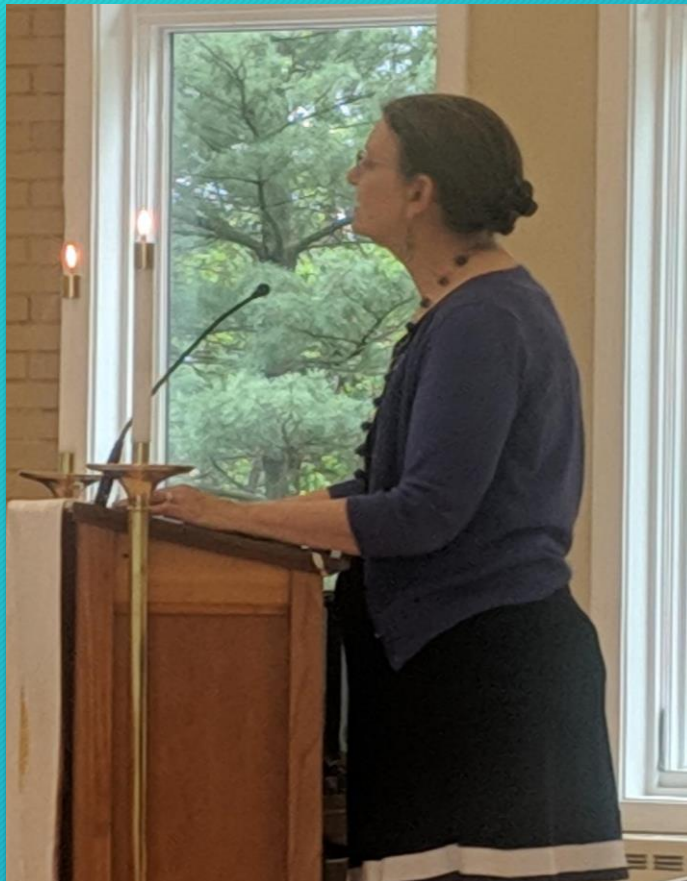
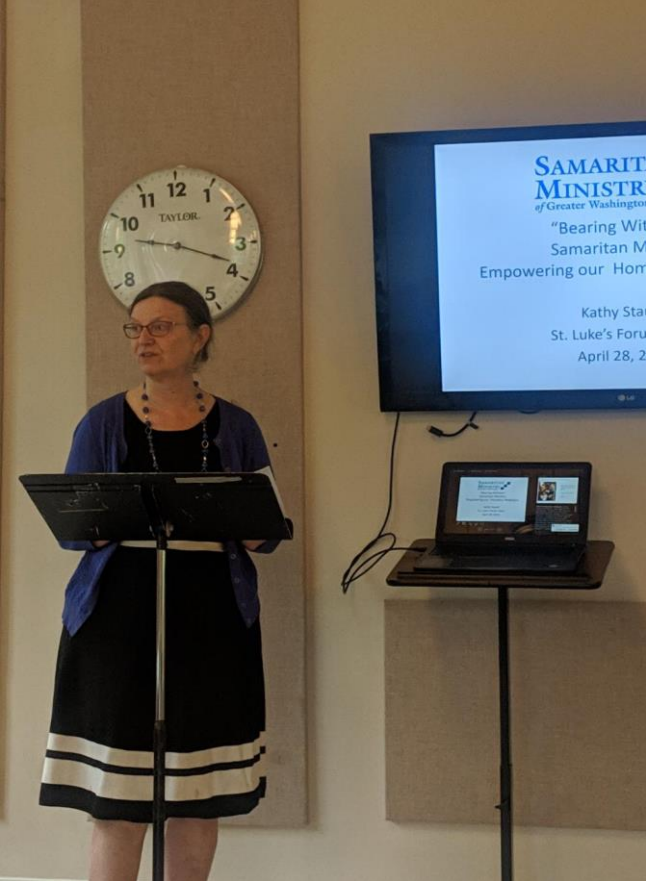
Samaritan Ministry is a faith-based community partnership - bringing together neighbors who face poverty, homelessness or other debilitating challenges - with partner leaders, donors, volunteers and staff in a shared ministry that improves the lives of all throughout the Washington area, one next step at a time.



St. Luke's Parish Representatives  
are DeAtley Barish & Pete  
Stelnyk.







## Samaritan Ministry "Empower the Homeless" Sunday

*Guest preacher - Kathy Staudt, Lead Caseworker at Samaritan Ministry's Silver Spring office*

Parishioners donated \$1,140 to Samaritan Ministry on April 28!

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# *Be the Church Day -* **Sunday, Mar. 31**

- Part of Jessica's vision for Community Engagement - to "be the church" together, but outside of the building, during months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- This one had an environmental focus and we:
  - Blessed the site for our soon-to-be planted Pollinator Garden (on the LOVE Garden site)
  - Made wildflower seed bombs
  - Planted zinnia seeds
  - Cleaned up part of Rock Creek Park!



**CREATION  
CARE**











**Special Easter Offering ~ \$3,000**  
...donated to Annunciation House in El Paso, TX

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*We believe in the sanctity  
and dignity of all people.  
We believe everyone  
deserves safety and  
respect. We believe that  
God calls us to move the  
arc of the moral universe  
towards justice.*

*Human  
Rights,  
Dignity, &  
Safety  
Cluster  
(May-August)*



# More Upcoming Events

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Iftar at Islamic Community Center of Potomac - Thursday, May 16 at 7pm

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Interfaith Works Speaker - TBD

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday “Be the Church Day” - June 30

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School Supply Collection - August

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*Stay tuned for more info ~ we're interested in new ideas!*



# Community Engagement Budget

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Comes from  
the church's  
operating  
budget



Had been set  
at \$20,000 for  
several years



For 2019, the Committee  
requested a 5% increase to  
the Vestry and - received  
10%! THANK YOU!



To make good use of the added resources, the  
Committee increased giving to most all of the  
organizations and bolstered the "Miscellaneous"  
fund for emergencies and/or new ideas.



<b>Organization</b>		<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>
Bethesda Cares		2,550.00	2,800.00
Bethesda Help		1,000.00	1,250.00
Bishop Walker School for Boys		1,000.00	1,250.00
CBS (Women's Shelter)		1,000.00	1,250.00
Cornerstone		1,750.00	2,000.00
Episcopal Center for Children		500.00	1,000.00
Episcopal Relief & Development		1,000.00	500.00
Interfaith Works		2,500.00	2,500.00
Loaves and Fishes		1,750.00	2,000.00
Samaritan Ministry		3,800.00	4,000.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16,850.00</b>	<b>18,550.00</b>
Communication		500.00	N/A
Fundraising Expenses		300.00	N/A
Discretionary:			
Basic Needs		600.00	400.00
Human Rights		600.00	400.00
Future		600.00	400.00
Misc.		550.00	2,250.00
		-	3,450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>



The Committee is also grateful for any additional donations you make to the organizations St. Luke's supports.

If made through St. Luke's, these donations will appear on your quarterly statements.

**Jane Battles** is now the Vestry Liaison for Community Engagement. Thanks to **Soumaia Amin** for her efforts in this role during 2018!

Please feel free to share feedback, thoughts and ideas with any Committee member! We are on this path of serving others together.

# In Conclusion...

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**Thank you  
for coming!**

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**Questions/Discussion**